

1 8. (As filed) A method as in claim 5, wherein the connector has a through
2 hole such that fluids passing through the traveling valve move through the through hole and
3 upwardly through the plunger.

 Please add new claim 9 as follows:

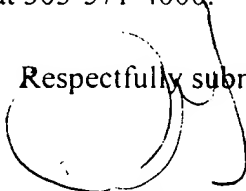
1 --9. A pumping system comprising:
2 a pump barrel that is adapted to be placed into a well casing;
3 a plunger reciprocatably positioned within the pump barrel, wherein the plunger
4 has an open top end that is configured to direct particulate away from the pump barrel, a
5 bottom end, and a traveling valve at the bottom end, wherein the plunger has a tight fit with the
6 pump barrel to prevent particulate from accumulating between the plunger and the pump
7 barrel;
8 a connector coupled to the plunger below the top end; and
9 a rod coupled to the connector, wherein the rod is translatable to reciprocate the
10 plunger within the pump barrel using an upstroke and a downstroke.--

REMARKS

 In reviewing the marked up claims in the Preliminary Amendment mailed on
June 21, 2001, counsel noticed that the marked changes were not correct. Hence, this
Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being filed to provide the corrected set of marked up
claims.

 If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of
this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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